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Peer Judicial Boards Get The Axe

By Matt Galeone
Bullet Staff Writer

Mary Washington College's judicial system will undergo a facelift in the fall of 1997. The new system will eliminate the Peer Judicial Boards and centralize all judicial proceedings under the Judicial Review Board.

Under the current system, Peer Judicial Boards operate within, and are elected by, individual residence halls. The Judicial Review Board is elected by the entire student body and operates campus-wide.

Beth Moss, president of the Judicial Review Board, cited many reasons for the change in policy including lengthy waits for a trial and a lack of serious chair people. Sanctioning inconsistency, however, remains one of the main reasons for restructuring.

"Consistency, this will definitely make the system more consistent. Students won't have to deal with random sanctioning," said Moss.

She presented the new plan on Wednesday,

Feb. 5 to the Student Senate. Moss stressed that the plan comes from the students, not the administration.

"The centralizing was initiated and proposed by the students on the Judicial Review Board, and we talked to a sample of Peer Judicial chairs. The plan was student initiated and will be student implemented," said Moss.

Currently Peer Judicial Boards hear all trials involving alcohol and community standard violations in the residence halls. The Judicial Review Board deals with campus-wide infractions, such as visitation, fire code, or dining hall violations.

While the new Judicial Review Board will deal with the infractions of the whole college, students will still control the rules of their environment. According to Moss, the rules voted on by the individual residence halls will be used by the Judicial Review Board.

Under the new proposal, when students receive an incident report they will have the

choice of a trial by their area director or a jury of their peers. The jury of their peers will, under the new plan, operate within the Judicial Review Board instead of under the old Peer Judicial Boards.

The new system still provides an avenue for appeals to the decision of either the area director or the jury of peers. If the student chose his area director, appeals would be made to Jackie Donaldson, associate director for Residence Life, and then to Bernard Chirico, vice president of Student Affairs. If the student chose a trial by their peers, appeals would be made to a second jury of Judicial Review Board members, who would have no prior knowledge of the case, and then to Chirico, according to Moss.

Despite general Senate approval for the plan, students expressed some concern with the removal of the Peer Judicial Boards. Brooks L'allier, a sophomore senator who heard the proposal, felt centralization could

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Judicial Review Board President Beth Moss explains the new system.

History Professor Samples Residence Hall Life

By Robert Cooney
Bullet Staff Writer

While students flock to off-campus housing, Associate Professor of History Bruce O'Brien is moving into a freshman residence hall.

O'Brien is taking part in the Scholar-in-Residence program, which places a faculty member or distinguished visitor into the residence hall. This year the Office of Residence Life chose Randolph Hall to pilot the program.

"This is an attempt to recreate an institution at Mary Washington that a number of schools have used for a long time," said O'Brien, who works with both Randolph and Mason Hall. "To bring the intellectual mission of the college into the residence halls."

A scholar in residence is responsible for hosting at least three major programs and keeping "open door" hours. The scholar will also be expected to dine or otherwise interact with students occasionally. This semester a campus-wide Medieval Fair has been planned as the culminating event of this first trial of the Scholar-in-Residence program.

"Some of the best experiences I've had in college were when a bunch of us just sat



Photo by Karen Pearlman

around with a professor and discussed ideas," said Bernard M. Chirico, vice president of student affairs. Chirico worked with Rick Surita, director of residence life, to form the Scholar-in-Residence program after Surita brought the idea to his attention.

With the creation of this program, Mary Washington College will join Oklahoma State

University, the University of Miami, Harvard, Yale, and Stanford, all of which have had similar programs for some time.

"This program has been going on for more than 10 years at the University of Rochester," said Raymond Tuttle, assistant director of Residence Life. "It was a big success there."

The program has received a mixed

reaction after its first two weeks.

"There was a time of suspicion when we approached students with the idea," said Surita. "They were concerned that this was just going to be another way to watch over them. But we explained to them that that's not what this is about; it's about making the residence halls into learning laboratories."

Although the program is officially in effect at Randolph and Mason, some students there haven't formed an opinion yet.

"A couple of people have talked to him about classes. I don't know much about it," said Kerry Ancowitz, a desk aide for Randolph. "It's interesting."

Tiffany Patrick, a freshman living in Randolph, feels that most students are indifferent.

"So far it's just like having another resident," Patrick said.

In Mason the response was similar.

"They had a big meeting; that's the only way I know about it," said freshman Mellyssa Sheran. "I guess it's probably a good idea."

The idea of having someone in the hall who could act as an advisor received better response.

"I'd probably go to him before I'd go to my advisor," said Patrick. "Freshman advisors aren't very good. I'm interested in Environmental Science and they gave me someone from Economics for an advisor."

The faculty response can not yet be assessed. O'Brien often jokes with faculty members about living in a residence hall.

"I tell them I'm living in a quad; that I have the top bunk. And they believe me. It's

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Anderson Absent From Budget Process

By Kelly Regan
Bullet News Editor

Mary Washington College is crossing its fingers for increased state funding from the Virginia General Assembly, which will present a final budget on Feb. 22.

The 45-day legislative session began on Jan. 8 and closed its doors to appeals for money this past weekend. During past budget sessions, President William M. Anderson used his long-standing social and political status to persuade delegates to sponsor college budget amendments.

This year he is recovering from a brain aneurysm which occurred while he was meeting with members of the legislature on Sept. 25.

The college's primary representatives at the Virginia General Assembly meetings were Midge Poyck, acting president, Ronald Singleton, vice president of college relations and legislative affairs, and Nancy Thompson, budget director.

According to college administration, Mary Washington College's specific budget requests were as follows:

- \$3 million for computer technology at the new Stafford campus.
- \$1.5 million for new heating, air conditioning and sprinkler systems in Randolph, Mason and Mercer Halls.
- \$532,000 for 10 new teaching positions.

Belmont and James Monroe Museum,



File Photo

William M. Anderson

Independent state institutions with Mary Washington College oversight, requested:

- \$40,000 to paint all seven Belmont museum buildings.

• \$366,800 for structural repairs to James Monroe museum including painting, heating, air conditioning and sprinkler systems.

All Virginia colleges and universities supported a unified budget amendment for faculty and staff salary increases. According to Singleton, this is the college's highest budget priority.

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Madison Hall Vacates To Volunteers

By Lauren Chadwick
Bullet Staff Writer

Next fall two floors of Madison Hall will be dedicated to students who participate in community volunteerism. This decision, made by the Office of Residence Life and COAR, has riled Madison Hall residents and sparked campus debate.

In a memo written last December, the Office of Residence Life explained that the first two floors of Madison Hall will cater to student volunteers.

"The floor will be a community in which residents, acting both as individuals and as a group, will volunteer their time and effort to serving the greater Fredericksburg area, as well as the Mary Washington College community," the memo stated.

Each resident will be required to serve two hours per week toward his or her individual service program as well as contribute to an issue that the entire floor is focusing on.

Applicant Natalie Illum will propose her plan to work on affiliating the Rappahannock Area Council Against Sexual Assault with the national organization Rape Abuse Inc.

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students obtain residence in Madison they frequently exercise their right to homestead their room for the next year.

"A lot of us have waited three years to live here, and now that we do we can't homestead," said Sarah Zappala, a junior and current resident of Madison.

"I think the idea is good but the location is bad. I would have preferred for them to have chosen a larger dorm."

Madison residents responded with a motion to the Student Senate. The Welfare Committee will draft a letter to the Office of Residence Life regarding the administration's disregard for student opinion.

According to Surita, he has not been approached by the residents of Madison since they were informed of the Service Learning Floor late summer.

The Service Learning Floor will be in Madison because of its prime location and suite style bathrooms.

"[Madison Hall] accommodates both male and female students in the floor, allowing any student with demonstrated interest in the mission of the floor potentially to be a

resident there. Furthermore, because Madison Hall is home to Night Watch, it already is a natural environment for further service to the community," according to the memo.

While special interest floors within dorms are new to Mary Washington College, special interest houses are not. Framar is a special interest house dedicated to scholarship, service and leadership.

The creation of the Service Learning Floor comes at a time when the existence of special interest houses like Framar are in question for next year.

Co-sponsorship of the floor by Residence Life and COAR has caused concern among

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"The first thing we [Framar residents] heard about it was that it was to be a COAR hall and we wondered why they singled out one service group," said Circle K member and Framar resident Stephanie O'Connor.

Illum shared the same first impression.

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The Student Government Association has open executive cabinet positions. The positions available are as follows: president, vice-president, judicial review board president, honor council president, commuting student president, legislative action committee chair person. Non-executive positions are available for judicial review board and vice-president. All interested candidates must attend one of the work shops on Monday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. or Tuesday, Feb.

18 at 4 p.m. in the campus center board room. All candidates must be nominated by a senator in senate Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in Monroe 104.

1997-98 Financial Aid Packets should be picked up by students who are seeking financial aid for the next academic year. They can be found in the following locations: the financial aid office, the Multicultural Center, the BLS Office, the information desk, Woodard Campus Center, and the Dome Room, Seacobeck Hall.

The Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Scholarships Program will award two annual \$500 scholarships to students with a preference given to students majoring in criminal justice with have financial needs. The student should have a 2.5 grade point average. Applications may be obtained from the financial aid office in Lee Hall, room 301. The deadline is April 1.

Mary Washington College is seeking entertainers with an ethnic emphasis to perform in the April 5 Multicultural Fair. Contact Forrest Parker at (540)654-1044 for information.

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not as bad as what the faculty think when I tell them that I live there," O'Brien said.

Hank Lewis, assistant professor of English, was interested in taking part in the project until the final stages of the application process.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Lewis said. "It will take a couple of years to work out. I taught high school for three years and I lived in a dorm. I wasn't ready for that type of commitment again yet. But in a different situation, maybe in a couple of years, I think I would do it."

O'Brien has already formed his opinion.

"It's nice," he said. "I was just coming off a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to do research and I was wondering where I was going to stay. My only requirement was that I still have a fair amount of time for my research and that has certainly been filled."

O'Brien is used to this set of circumstances. In addition to spending his summers with a group of students doing their historical research requirements in London, he was also a Visiting Scholar at Harvard for the past year.

O'Brien will only be acting as Scholar-in-Residence at Mary Washington for this semester, however. Next semester Surita hopes to have three new Scholars-in-

Residence, one for Randolph and Mason, a second for Alvey and New, and a third for Virginia, Ball, Custis, and Madison.

The search for new applicants is particularly aimed at new faculty members but is open to any current full-time faculty member who might be interested. In addition, visiting guests of all kinds may be given the opportunity to become temporary residents. Included in plans is the possibility of a Scholar-in-Residence from the corporate world so that students might make business contacts while still in school.

The compensation for the position includes a furnished apartment with an approximate value of \$7500 a year, all utilities, a reserved on-campus parking space, and a number of meal passes. There is also at least \$150 allotted per semester for hall programming.

Funding is currently provided by the budget of Residence Life, although additional funding has been requested from committees such as Academic Resources.

"This is a great opportunity for the young professor. We are looking for professors who are dedicated and have the same energy and commitment as O'Brien," said Bob Franklin, assistant director of Residence Life and a graduate of Mary Washington College. "I think it's neat. I think the greatest thing a student can have is a mentor."

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OPINIONS

Plumping Up the Students

Eating disorders are becoming more and more of a problem for men and women in our country, and Mary Washington is no exception.

However, for those of us who want to eat healthy as a way of losing unwanted pounds, or just to be healthy, seems to be quite a feat at this college.

Take a look at the Eagles Nest. Pizza, steak and cheese, and french fries are definitely not the way to do this. Granted, these items are tasty, and should not be taken off the menu, some people like them.

However, for those of us who don't have the time or the stomach to eat Seacobeck food, we are certainly limited if healthy eating is our goal. Even the salads, with the salad dressing, at the Eagles Nest can be extremely fattening, so where does that leave us? And who wants to eat salad every day; that seems pretty monotonous.

If the students at Mary Washington want to eat, and not feel guilty about what they eat, then the Wood Company should make a few additions to their menu so that everyone on this campus, not just those who like eating their daily allotment of fat in one sitting, can be happy.

A Time To Party And Reflect

Every semester class council offers graduating seniors a night of partying and good friends as a way to say goodbye. This semester is no different with 100th night. 100th night will offer graduating seniors a place to say goodbye to old and new friends. 100th night will also offer seniors a safe place to party responsibly.

Back in November, seniors consumed nine kegs of beer on 19th night, the major question is, can they break their record tonight?

Seniors must remember to be responsible, after all they still have to get home.

With the exception of last semester, these nights usually move along with little or no major incidents. This is fortunate, as drunk people tend to get a little out of hand, and rightfully so. They are graduating for Pete's sake.

However, seniors must remember to be responsible. It is still the individuals responsibility to get his or herself home.

For underclassmen over stressed by loads of work, 100th night is a time to drool over the thought of graduation and to become green with envy that they still have at least another year left, maybe more. They also have to make sure that they get their dinner early, because the Eagles Nest closes early. Seacobeck might actually be full tonight.

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The Condom Debate Erupts On Campus

Sex Isn't A Box of Chocolates, But it May Be a Bag of Cookies

Condoms are for Students' Protection Against STDs

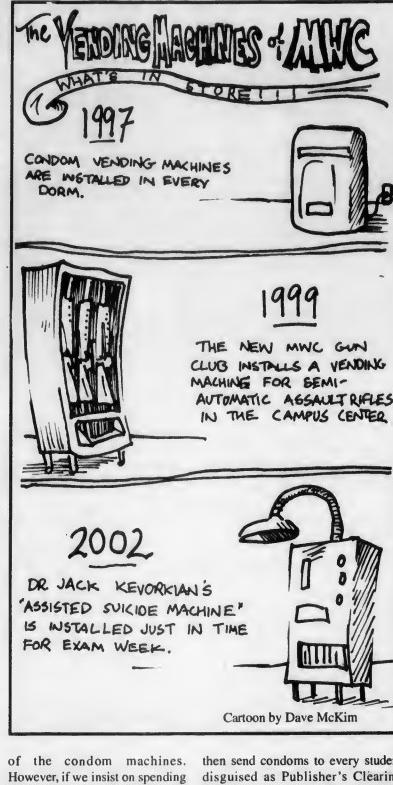
By Steve Hampton
Guest Columnist

It seems to me that if you are too embarrassed to buy condoms, you probably have no business having sex. I have never heard anyone say "wow, the sex was really great because we were both so embarrassed that we couldn't even admit that we were going to have sex or that it might be wise to use condoms." It is also unlikely that putting condom machines in every residence hall is going to be of much help. Students will spend so much time pacing up and down the hall waiting until they are sure no one will see them putting quarters in a condom machine that their partner will be gone (or be watching ESPN) by the time they get back to the room.

I suggest that we just put condoms in the candy machines we already have. That way no one will know if you are buying condoms or a Snickers bar. If, however, you push the wrong button because of your anxiety, you might actually get a Snickers bar. I warn you, however, that several studies funded by the National Institutes of Health have shown the Snickers bar to be inferior to condoms in preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

The best idea is to put condoms in the candy. I would put them in the bags of Famous Amos cookies. This would have two effects. First, embarrassment would be eliminated because no one would know whether you are buying the cookies or the condom. Second, it would allow for the use of anxiety-reducing code words. Instead of being mature and saying "I would really love to have sex with you," you could just casually note "hey, a bag of those Famous Amos cookies would really hit the spot right now."

The effect of my plan would be to save us the eight thousand dollar cost



of the condom machines. However, if we insist on spending the money, consider my Plan B. Give me the eight thousand dollars and I will go to the Health Center and buy 56,000 condoms. I will then send condoms to every student disguised as Publisher's Clearing House notices. Then, when you are contemplating having sex but are

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By Sarah Leedom and Judith Parker
Guest Columnists

Although the recently published article about condom machines on campus stressed the importance of access to condoms, the article missed an important issue about condom availability.

The issue is the importance of self-determination in regard to sexual protection. While recognizing the great value of the resources already available on campus, we are aware that sexual protection is highly personal, and students should have the option to purchase reliable condoms on campus at any time, without the involvement of resident assistants or health center nurses.

These two groups of people, as well as the STD and AIDS Peer Educators, are excellent educational resources, but they should not be the only campus source for protection.

Contrary to the claim of the article headline, the machines will not offer "quick easy sex." They will, however, offer a means for students to protect themselves from STDs and other STDs.

The headline not only undermines the seriousness of sexual protection, but it also undermines the efforts of those who are trying to create a sexually responsible environment on campus.

Sex and sexual issues are not meant to be minimized by the presence of the machines.

In fact, we are asking that students take their sexual behavior even more seriously. These machines can be a reminder of the importance of responsibility in sexuality.

Mary Washington has the

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Vanity Plates Only Prove That You're So Vain

By Zak Billmeier
Editor in Chief

Man, this state is vain. Nowhere else have I been where there are so many people driving around in vehicles sporting "personalized" (vanity) license plates.

There is nothing so wantonly narcissistic as a driver with his or her name on the bumper. It's not so uncommon to see something like "DVS CAR," or "PODS CAR" cruising the streets of F'Burg. Very infrequently are these considered appropriate or witty, or whatever reaction they were intended to elicit by the owner.

You know what I mean. Your

typical reaction in spotting one of these is probably to point out to whoever it is that listens to you that the license plate looks lousy and why is it there. At least that's what I do, but I've been told I'm a big jerk before, so I'm not credible. Still, I have a hunch that it's a common reaction.

There are a few basic types of vanity plates. First, there is the simple, blatant, moronic "Basic Ownership Style" (BOSS). These I saw something even more idiotic than the BOSS plates, something like "MY RX7" or, in the extreme case "MY GL" (I saw that on a Ford Escort GL).

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you're swearing at. But, if you can avoid it, please do. Vanity plate owners like to be sworn at a and condemned to Hell.

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Letters to the Editor

Special Interest Floors Are Diverse

Editor:

Change is sometimes uncomfortable at first, but it's hard to understand why some people are opposed to the concept of special interest floors. Why is something so potentially positive, a group of students giving back to the Mary Washington and Fredericksburg communities, perceived as negative by The Bullet?

The students who are chosen to live on the first Service-Learning special interest floor will be as diverse a group of people as students living on any other floor in any other hall. Simply because they have a shared interest in community service does not mean that these students will be segregated from the rest of the student body.

The one common interest that will be bringing this group of students together is their fundamental belief in

service. Since I hold that belief myself, I know what it is like to be among others who feel the same way. It is very empowering and keeps one motivated to serve!

Generally, pairs of friends or groups of friends try to live together in the same room or on the same floor. The Service-Learning floor is no different. Individuals, roommates or groups of friends are welcome to apply and work together to create plans for community service.

Let's try to keep our minds open about special interest floors. The time to judge it will be next year after it has at least existed for some time. I think that it is very interesting that no one from The Bullet attended the Interest Meeting for the Service-Learning floor to hear factual information and to share it with the campus community, yet The Bullet feels justified in giving it a thumbs down rating.

Beth Beckman assistant director of community service

Misleading Murals Don't Match MWC

Editor:

I am concerned about the murals that cover the 2nd and 3rd floors of Monroe Hall, and because they are currently undergoing a new paint job, I thought this an appropriate time to question the existence of these paintings.

The images include 19 paintings of white men mostly clad in working clothes, some in uniform, and some in formal dress. There are nine paintings of allegorical white women, women who represent truth and justice and other.

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The Bullet is always eager to receive letters to the editor and guest column and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters received will be printed.

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The Student Government Association has open executive cabinet positions. The positions available are as follows: president, vice-president, judicial review board president, honor council president, commuting student president, legislative action committee chair person. Non-executive positions are available for judicial review board and vice-president. All interested candidates must attend one of the work shops on Monday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. or Tuesday, Feb.

18 at 4 p.m. in the campus center board room. All candidates must be nominated by a senator in senate Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in Monroe 104.

1997-98 Financial Aid Packets should be picked up by students who are seeking financial aid for the next academic year. They can be found in the following locations: the financial aid office, the Multicultural Center, the BLS Office, the information desk, Woodard Campus Center, and the Dome Room, Seacobeck Hall.

The Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Scholarships Program will award two annual \$500 scholarships to students with a preference given to students majoring in criminal justice with financial needs. The student should have a 2.5 grade point average. Applications may be obtained from the financial aid office in Lee Hall, room 301. The deadline is April 1.

Mary Washington College is seeking entertainers with an ethnic emphasis to perform in the April 5 Multicultural Fair. Contact Forrest Parker at (540)654-1044 for information.

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not as bad as what the faculty think when I tell them that I live there," O'Brien said.

Hank Lewis, assistant professor of English, was interested in taking part in the project until the final stages of the application process.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Lewis said. "It will take a couple of years to work out. I taught high school for three years and I lived in a dorm. I wasn't ready for that type of commitment again yet. But in a different situation, maybe in a couple of years, I think I would do it."

O'Brien has already formed his opinion.

"It's nice," he said. "I was just coming off a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to do research and I was wondering where I was going to stay. My only requirement was that I still have a fair amount of time for my research and that has certainly been fulfilled."

O'Brien is used to this set of circumstances. In addition to spending his summers with a group of students doing their historical research requirements in London, he was also a Visiting Scholar at Harvard for the past year.

O'Brien will only be acting as Scholar-in-Residence at Mary Washington for this semester, however. Next semester Surita hopes to have three new Scholars-in-

Residence, one for Randolph and Mason, a second for Alvey and New, and a third for Virginia, Ball, Cusis, and Madison.

The search for new applicants is particularly aimed at new faculty members but is open to any current full-time faculty member who might be interested. In addition, visiting guests of all kinds may be given the opportunity to become temporary residents. Included in plans is the possibility of a Scholar-in-Residence from the corporate world so that students might make business contacts while still in school.

The compensation for the position includes a furnished apartment with an approximate value of \$7500 a year, all utilities, a reserved on-campus parking space, and a number of meal passes. There is also at least \$150 allotted per semester for hall programming.

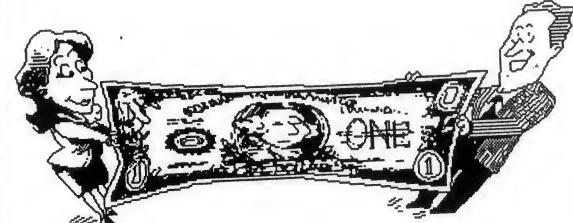
Funding is currently provided by the budget of Residence Life, although additional funding has been requested from committees such as Academic Resources.

"This is a great opportunity for the young professor. We are looking for professors who are dedicated and have the same energy and commitment as O'Brien," said Bob Franklin, assistant director of Residence Life and a graduate of Mary Washington College. "I think it's neat. I think the greatest thing a student can have is a mentor."

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OPINIONS

Plumping Up the Students

Eating disorders are becoming more and more of a problem for men and women in our country, and Mary Washington is no exception.

However, for those of us who want to eat healthy as a way of losing unwanted pounds, or just to be healthy, seems to be quite a feat at this college.

Take a look at the Eagles Nest. Pizza, steak and cheese, and french fries are definitely not the way to do this. Granted, these items are tasty, and should not be taken off the menu, some people like them.

However, for those of us who don't have the time or the stomach to eat Seacobeck food, we are certainly limited if healthy eating is our goal. Even the salads, with the salad dressing, at the Eagles Nest can be extremely fattening, so where does that leave us? And who wants to eat salad every day; that seems pretty monotonous.

If the students at Mary Washington want to eat, and not feel guilty about what they eat, then the Wood Company should make a few additions to their menu so that everyone on this campus, not just those who like eating their daily allotment of fat in one sitting, can be happy.

A Time To Party And Reflect

Every semester class council offers graduating seniors a night of partying and good friends as a way to say goodbye. This semester is no different with 100th night. 100th night will offer graduating seniors a place to say goodbye to old and new friends. 100th night will also offer seniors a safe place to party responsibly.

Back in November, seniors consumed nine kegs of beer on 197th night, the major question is, can they break their record tonight?

Seniors must remember to be responsible, after all they still have to get home.

With the exception of last semester, these nights usually move along with little or no major incidents. This is fortunate, as drunk people tend to get a little out of hand, and rightfully so. They are graduating for Pete's sake.

However, seniors must remember to be responsible. It is still the individuals responsibility to get his or herself home.

For underclassmen over stressed by loads of work, 100th night is a time to drool over the thought of graduation and to become green with envy that they still have at least another year left, maybe more. They also have to make sure that they get their dinner early, because the Eagles Nest closes early. Seacobeck might actually be full tonight.

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The Condom Debate Erupts On Campus

Sex Isn't A Box of Chocolates, But it May Be a Bag Of Cookies

Condoms are for Students' Protection Against STDs

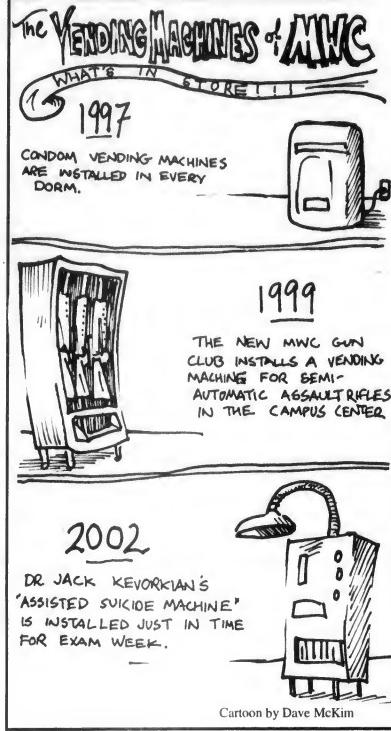
By Steve Hampton
Guest Columnist

It seems to me that if you are too embarrassed to buy condoms, you probably have no business having sex. I have never heard anyone say "wow, the sex was really great because we were both so embarrassed that we couldn't even admit that we were going to have sex that it might be wise to use condoms." It is also unlikely that putting condom machines in every residence hall is going to be of much help. Students will spend so much time pacing up and down the hall waiting until they are sure no one will see them putting quarters in a condom machine that their partner will be gone (or be watching ESPN) by the time they get back to the room.

I suggest that we just put condoms in the candy machines we already have. That way no one will know if you are buying condoms or a Snickers bar. If, however, you push the wrong button because of your anxiety, you might actually get a Snickers bar. I warn you, however, that several studies funded by the National Institutes of Health have shown the Snickers bar to be inferior to condoms in preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

The best idea is to put condoms in the candy. I would put them in the bags of Famous Amos cookies. This would have two effects. First, embarrassment would be eliminated because no one would know whether you are buying the cookies or the condom. Second, it would allow for the use of anxiety-reducing code words. Instead of being mature and saying "I would really love to have sex with you," you could just casually note "hey, a bag of those Famous Amos cookies would really hit the spot right now."

The effect of my plan would be to save us the eight thousand dollar cost



Cartoon by Dave McKim

of the condom machines. However, if we insist on spending the money, consider my Plan B. Give me the eight thousand dollars and I will go to the Health Center and buy 56,000 condoms. I will then send condoms to every student disguised as Publisher's Clearing House notices. Then, when you are contemplating having sex but are

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By Sarah Leedom and Judith Parker
Guest Columnists

Although the recently published article about condom machines on campus stressed the importance of access to condoms, the article missed an important issue about condom availability.

That issue is the importance of self-determination in regard to sexual protection. While recognizing the great value of the resources already available on campus, we are aware that sexual protection is highly personal, and students should have the option to purchase reliable condoms on campus at any time, without the involvement of resident assistants or health center nurses.

These two groups of people, as well as the STD and AIDS Peer Educators are excellent educational resources, but they should not be the only campus source for protection.

Contrary to the claim of the article headline, the machines will not offer "quick easy sex." They will, however, offer a means for students to protect themselves from HIV and other STDs.

The headline not only undermines the seriousness of sexual protection, but it also undermines the efforts of those who are trying to create a sexually responsible environment on campus.

Sex and sexual issues are not meant to be minimized by the presence of the machines.

In fact, we are asking that students take their sexual behavior even more seriously. These machines can be a reminder of the importance of responsibility in sexual matters.

Mary Washington has the

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Vanity Plates Only Prove That You're So Vain

By Zak Billmeier
Editor in Chief

Man, this state is vain.

Nowhere else have I been where there are so many people driving around in vehicles sporting "personalized" (vanity) license plates.

There is nothing so wantonly narcissistic as a driver with his or her name on the bumper. It's not so uncommon to see something like "DVS CAR," or "PODS CAR" cruising the streets of F'Burg. Very infrequently are these considered appropriate or witty, or whatever reaction they were intended to elicit by the owner.

You know what I mean. Your

typical reaction in spotting one of these is probably to point out to whoever it is that listens to you that the license plate looks lousy and why is it there. At

I east that's what I do, but I've been told I'm a big jerk before, so I'm not credible. Still, I have a hunch that it's a common reaction.

There are a few basic types of vanity plates. First, there is the simple, blatant, moronic "Basic Ownership Style" (BOSS). These

are like the two I mentioned earlier. An owner of car with BOSS plates wants you to know exactly who just cut your ass off at the stoplight, just so you know

you're swearing at. But, if you can avoid it, please do. Vanity plate owners like to be sworn at and condemned to Hell.

Another type is the "I am Proud Of My Ehicle" (IPOME). IPOME plates say something even more idiotic than the BOSS plates, something like "MY RX7" or, in the extreme case "MY GL". (I saw that on a Ford Escort GL).

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Letters to the Editor

Special Interest Floors Are Diverse

Editor:

Change is sometimes uncomfortable at first, but it's hard to understand why some people are opposed to the concept of special interest floors. Why is something so potentially positive, a group of students giving back to the Mary Washington and Fredericksburg communities, perceived as negative by The Bullet?

The students who are chosen to live on the first Service-Learning special interest floor will be as diverse a group of people as students living on any other floor in any other hall. Simply because they have a shared interest in community service does not mean that these students will be segregated from the rest of the student body.

The one common interest that will be bringing this group of students together is their fundamental belief in

service. Since I hold that belief myself, I know what it is like to be among others who feel the same way. It is very empowering and keeps one motivated to serve!

Generally, pairs of friends or groups of friends try to live together in the same room or on the same floor. The Service-Learning floor is no different. Individuals, roommates or groups of friends are welcome to apply and work together to create plans for community service.

Let's try to keep our minds open about special interest floors. The time to judge it will be next year after it has at least existed for some time. I think that it is very interesting that no one from The Bullet attended the Interest Meeting for the Service-Learning floor to hear factual information and to share it with the campus community, yet The Bullet feels justified in giving it a thumbs down rating.

Beth Beckman
assistant director of community service

Misleading Murals Don't Match MWC

Editor:

I am concerned about the murals that cover the 2nd and 3rd floors of Monroe Hall, and because they are currently undergoing a new paint job,

I thought this an appropriate time to question the existence of these paintings.

The images include 19 paintings of white men, mostly clad in working clothes, some in uniform, and some in formal dress. There are nine paintings of allegorical white women, women who represent truth and justice and other

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Bullet Letter and Column Policy

The Bullet is always eager to receive letters to the editor and guest column and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters received will be printed.

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The Bullet does not publish anonymous letters or columns. All letters need to be signed with the writer's appropriate title. A phone number and address are also needed for verification.

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If you have any questions, call Zak Billmeier, Rob Thormeyer or Wendi Davis at 654-1133.

FEATURES

MWC Celebrates Black History Month



photos courtesy of the multicultural center

The cast of "Black Man Rising" is just one group performing for Black History Month.

By Bridget Malone
Bullet Ad Manager

Throughout the month of February, MWC, along with the rest of the nation, will focus on celebrating black history. The campus celebration will include plays, speakers and movies intended to inform students and increase awareness of African-American culture.

"American citizens need to become more aware of other American citizens," said James Farmer, distinguished professor of history and American studies. "It serves the whole nation's culture well to understand all the cultures

that go into making the national fabric. To understand the threads of culture that makes up our nation makes us appreciative of diversity."

The idea to celebrate African-American heritage, begun by Carter G. Woodson in 1926, was originally recognized for only a single week in February. It was not until 1976 that the entire month of February was dedicated to black history.

"Historically, as we look at our great country, we find it is a focal point to recognize the contribution of black Americans to the world. Unfortunately many of these contributions have gone untold," said Forrest Parker, vice president for multicultural affairs.

The events planned throughout the

month of February are geared to celebrate the contributions of blacks on several different levels ranging from educational and informative to entertaining.

"Informative can be entertaining and being entertained can lead to being informed," said William Lewis, assistant professor of English.

Shades, a new program sponsored by Residence Life, is a series of short skits about such topics as racism, diversity and disability which are intended to inform students about these societal problems. As each session is meant to be thought provoking, there is a question and discussion session to follow each skit. These programs will be held in

Mason Hall on Feb. 3, in Willard Hall on Feb. 13, in Virginia Hall on Feb. 17 and in Jefferson Hall on Feb. 27.

Other thespian performances include "Black Man Rising," a play written by James H. Chapmyn about strength and power of African Americans. It will be performed in Dodd Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12.

The annual fashion show will take place on Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. in the Campus Center.

"We were very happy that the community was able to help us with the clothing. The clothing came from Spotsylvania Mall. Last year, the theme was African-American weddings. This year it is fashion around the world," said Cheryl Elliott, co-chairperson for organizing Black History Month.

Two speakers who will be coming to campus as part of Black History Month are Marita Golden, who will do a poetry reading on "The Black Family" in Lee Hall Ballroom at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25, and Marion Smith, who will be speaking about "Female/Male relationships" on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in Lee Ballroom.

Other events which are planned throughout the month include a gospel extravaganza featuring Hampton University on Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. and a tour of Frederick Douglass' Home and African History Museum on Feb. 22. Buses leave from George Washington Circle at 8:30 a.m. Admission with a MWC ID is \$3.

All of these events took months of careful planning to coordinate. Meetings began at the end of last September in order to schedule speakers and reserve locations for all the events.

"We review and look at last year's celebration to brainstorm and to see what went well and what needed

improvement," Parker said. "We also identify what organizations or individuals on campus would be willing to sponsor something."

Elliot agreed that planning time was essential in getting events ready for the month.

"It seemed like a lot of work, but I feel like I need to be doing something at all times. It gives me great pleasure that Mr. Parker believed in me. I had a lot of help. I didn't do this by myself," Elliott said.

The planning committee for Black History Month consisted of ten individuals. However, Parker said he would like to see more people move out of their comfort zones and become involved in organizing events in order to better accommodate the community.

According to Lewis, frame of

mind is also an important element to consider when participating in all of the numerous events scheduled throughout the month.

"If you approach it because you have to, it takes a lot of the joy out of it. People think of it as political. A lot of people feel it's only for African Americans. Everyone is involved in the African American experience," Lewis said.

Farmer also noticed a change in student attitudes. Twelve years ago he said that students might ask why

not celebrate a white history month. Now the students understand why it is important to celebrate black history.

According to Lewis, black history remains important throughout the rest of the year as well.

"Black History Month is a moment in time to support what's always around. It should be a part of everyday life," he said.



Marita Golden, who will do a poetry reading this month

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Farmer agreed. "Black History

"She Didn't Help Me Too Much"

Students Express Dissatisfaction With Pre-Major Advisers

By Jennifer Gentry
Bullet Staff Writer

When Brandon Pfeckl, a junior environmental science major, signed up for a 300-level geography class during his freshman year, he had no idea it would be such a difficult course. His adviser never told him that a 300-level class might be too challenging for a freshman.

"I didn't know it was a junior level course, and if I had known, I wouldn't have taken it freshman year," Pfeckl said.

After a frustrating semester, Pfeckl came away with a C average in the course.

"The tests weren't that hard, but as a freshman, I didn't have the skills to write a ten-page research paper, and that's what really hurt my grade," Pfeckl said.

According to the 1994 survey of graduating seniors, Pfeckl is not alone. Nearly 70 percent of those polled rated their freshman advising experience as poor or fair. Due to student dissatisfaction, the administration is revamping the advising process for freshmen and undeclared sophomores.

According to Adrienne May, associate dean for academic services, the administration has eliminated 50/50 advising, which originally paired an incoming freshman with a faculty adviser and two student advisers. In addition, freshmen will not experience advising during summer preview.

Some current MWC students agree that they were dissatisfied with the performance of their advisers. However, it seems that the advisers students receive once they are declared are more helpful.

Junior Hunter Neale, a biology major, is one student who feels this way.

"[My freshman adviser] was just like 'Oh, okay, that looks good.' She didn't help me too much," Neale said.

Neale's major adviser was more beneficial because of expertise and knowledge of the biology classes Neale needs to take in the future.

"She was like, 'You're in it for you. You haven't had cell bio or genetics, but be forewarned because they're hard [courses],' Neale said.

Junior Heather Rumney, also a biology major, said she feels her freshman adviser did not adequately guide her through class selection. He recommended prerequisites for an international affairs major, even though Rumney ended up switching her focus to biology.

"I was looking for guidance, because that's what his job was supposed to be," Rumney said. "I guess he came up with some realistic ideas, but it was stuff I really didn't want to do, and he kind of guided me in the direction I didn't want to go in. I thought it was helpful at the time, but then I realized that I actually ended up wasting a lot of time taking classes I didn't want to take."

Once Rumney declared her major, things changed for the better.

"My biology major adviser was really helpful ... I find it a lot more helpful to find an adviser in the major that you really want to do," Rumney said.

Brian Gephart, an English major, said he agrees that his major adviser is a big improvement.

"My adviser freshman year was my track coach, so he advised me to take classes that wouldn't conflict with my track schedule," Gephart said.

According to Roy Weinstock, vice

president for planning assessment and institutional research, the administration does not plan to revamp major advising.

"There is a tremendous gap between pre-major advising in terms of satisfaction and advising in the major. So we have left [major advising] alone," Weinstock said.

Weinstock said that decision to change the 50/50 advising system stemmed directly from the high level of dissatisfaction reflected in the 1994 survey of graduating seniors.

"There was a real need to do something about pre-major advising," said.

Although the administration has decided to eliminate 50/50 advising and summer preview advising, the plans for the new advising system have not been finalized.

"We will be working on [the new advising system through the winter months]," May said.

According to May, the tentative

plan is to find out the possible areas of study that the freshman are interested in through a summer questionnaire and match the adviser to the student according to freshman interests.

For example, if an incoming freshman is interested in majoring in studio art, he will be assigned an adviser in the art department, May said.

"So a student is doing a survey questionnaire form saying 'these are the subjects that I probably might major in' ... We're going to start from that point and start thinking about how we assign advisers,'" May said.

-Adrienne May, associate dean for academic services

student was assigned a different adviser during freshman orientation.

"We're going to try to avoid that doubling up on two advisers for incoming freshmen, because it is too confusing to the freshman," May said.

Professor of English Bill Kemp participated in 50/50 advising and summer preview advising. Kemp said that 50/50 advising was a good idea, but it was too difficult to coordinate.

"The student advisers often had no affiliation other than the random 20 students they were given to advise," Kemp said.

According to Kemp, students are placed in 50/50 groups according to their areas of interest. Since many students change their interests during freshman year, the current grouping process is not that important.

"I don't think how you constitute a student group is the crucial problem. I think the crucial problem is to create an advising system which delivers accurate information, delivers it in a timely fashion, and doesn't have a lot of overhead cost, particularly in time and attention, for the advisers," Kemp said.

Professor of Education Brenda Vogel instituted the 50/50 advising program 10 years ago. Although she supports strengthening academic advising, she said she will miss the students being involved in welcoming freshmen to MWC.

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet Sophomore Kevin Tate (left) and senior Rod Sturgeon chat in front of the Baptist Student Union.

College Tests Religious Faith

By Lindsay A. Stover
Bullet Staff Writer

Kathleen Gillikin, a 21-year-old senior, started to question her firm Methodist faith when she arrived at MWC and began taking religion classes. She spent her entire life attending church with her parents, and believed in what her family believed. For 18 years, her faith remained strong and unwavering.

"I've gone through several faith crises," Gillikin said. "My first real challenge was taking religion classes. It was hard to think about my religion in an academic sense, instead of a blind faith."

"Believing that doubting is bad is wrong. Actually, doubting is part of faith itself. That's my way

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of understanding it," Carbaugh said.

Gillikin, a religion major, experienced much more than doubt when she was exposed to Judaism through one of her religion classes.

"For a semester, I didn't find a lot of meaning in Christianity. One semester I was trying to decide whether or not I wanted to convert to Judaism," Gillikin said.

Gillikin's experience of doubting the meaning of her faith is not uncommon. Gillikin said that church was always a habit of the family, an obligation. Junior Julie Harrison agreed with Gillikin.

"All of my friends and people that I hung out with in high school, even if they didn't go to church every Sunday, still 'belonged' to a church and kind of feigned a religion," Harrison said. "That's just what everyone grew up doing. Until college, I never realized that there was an option not to go to church."

According to Barbara Wagar, director of psychological services, maintaining one's faith away from home can be a difficult time, especially when it comes to reconciling personal and family beliefs.

"When [students] are out on their own, they sort of gradually become observant because they may have been going through rituals and beliefs at home because it was their parents' expectations," Wagar said.

"If they've lived in a relatively homogeneous community and come to college and are exposed to more diverse faiths and behavior, then this

naturally leads to questioning of the faith, which is perfectly healthy," Wagar said.

The psychological impact on students who lose or challenge their faith varies with the situation of each student. Wagar said that students who only believed because their parents believed and stray because their religion no longer fits in their life are not as negatively affected as those who lose faith because of personal crises. One type of crisis that could affect one's faith is the death of a family member or friend.

"There is a lot of overlap between spiritual issues and psychological issues. The loss of faith can be emotionally devastating to a student," Wagar said. "We try to be sensitive to the fact that spiritually affects one's faith is an important dimension to personality."

Wagar said that students do not come into the Psychological Services Center because their primary concern is spiritual. Usually, though, spiritual conflict plays a key role in why a student seeks help, often times for depression or anxiety, Wagar said.

The struggle with spirituality is prevalent in college students. Jack Peterson from the Catholic Student Union said it is normal for students to experience some changes.

"Often, it is a natural tendency to turn away, run away and put on hold the religion that students have grown up with as they go to college. Students look into other ways of expressing faith in God," Peterson said.

Peterson also said that the shift does not upset him because it is typically a natural turn.

"I hope that we can provide a place that [students] can come back to, or grow deeper in their faith," Peterson said. "We hope that students realize the importance of their faith that they grow up in."

Students have several places to go if they have questions or simply need a religious community. The various MWC organizations, such as the Catholic Student Union, the Baptist Student Union, the Campus Christian Community and Inter-Varsity, focus on providing a supportive community of students, rather the clergy leaders.

However, there are mixed opinions about the organizations. Some students view the religious groups as "bible-bangers." Others view the groups as completely non-threatening. According to Jennifer Carter, junior class representative of the Campus Christian Community, the groups attempt to support the students, not condemn them.

"The CCC is for people who want to do something spiritual in college. It doesn't mean that everyone that comes has to believe the same things," Carter said. "Basically, we're here so students can be reassured that God loves them, and also to be assured that we have friends who are close by."

Many non-religious students, however, are upset by unwanted invitations to religion. Senior Michele Beagan said she feels differently about aspects of the

religious community.

"I personally hate it when these people see me in the hallway and ask me to go to a bible-study. If I wanted to go to one, I'd be there, wouldn't I?" Beagan said. "I'm not about to accept a religion because some fanatic neighbor of mine and her blessed campus group want me to."

Other students are still in the middle ground, yet more accepting. Senior Jeff Ashburn, a religion major and part of the Campus Christian Community, said he finds it hard to relate to some other Christians.

"I'm still trying to make sense of life in light of Christmas. I'm still critical of [Christianity], but I'm also fascinated by it," Ashburn said.

Religion is a keenly personal ideology, one that is difficult to accept.

"It is difficult because there is no physical proof of spirituality, one must just believe it. Why? How?" Harrison said.

Gillikin said that when she was going through her spiritual crises, she went to her hometown minister. He told Gillikin to doubt the doubt as much as she doubted the faith. Gillikin did struggle with her doubt, and came out with a new ideology.

"I might not have all the answers. But basically, I believe in it, and accept it," Gillikin said.

THUMBS...

UP to Mother Nature, for all the gorgeous weather we've been having lately.



to Mother Nature. You're such a **DOWN**



UP to the men's basketball team for having an outstanding season so far.



to the double standard self-determination has created. Shouldn't the students be "self-determining" the fate of Madison Hall?



UP to the Lounge Lizard, for making a long-awaited reappearance.



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MORTAR BOARD WEEK: FEB. 10-14

(A National Senior Honorary Society Recognizing Scholarship, Leadership and Service.)

MONDAY: Program "I will survive!" Bushnell, Virginia and Alvey Hall lobbies at 9 p.m.

TUESDAY: Program "I will survive!" Randolph and Mason Hall lobbies at 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Mortar Board Reception (Invitation Only)

THURSDAY: Professor Spelling Bee, Underground, 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 and a can of food.

FRIDAY: Movie Night, "A Bed of Roses" followed by "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate"

**ATTENTION SOPHOMORE WOMEN!**

You are strongly encouraged to participate in the Stressful Life Events Study.

Some time this year you will be asked to participate in a large scale study that is being conducted at five local campuses: Georgetown University, Mary Washington College, University of the District of Columbia, University of Maryland at College Park, and Howard University. This study, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and awarded to Georgetown University, will investigate women's exposure to a variety of stressful and traumatic life events and psychological reactions to them. Throughout the next two years, approximately 9,000 sophomore will be surveyed through the mail about such experiences. A subset of women will be followed up by telephone and personal interview. Those who are selected for a personal interview, based on their history, will receive \$25. All information is confidential. The investigator at Mary Washington College is Dr. Carole Corcoran, in the Department of Psychology. Please watch your mail for the survey forms and return them as soon as possible. Thanks for your help!

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Bullet Player of the Month

Justin McCarthy
Men's Basketball

McCarthy, a senior forward, helped lead the Eagles to three straight wins this week. Against Marymount University, McCarthy had 23 points and nine rebounds, against Apprentice he had a season-high 25 points, and versus York College on Saturday he contributed 16 points. McCarthy leads the Capital Athletic Conference in both scoring (18.5 PPG) and free-throw percentage.

Men's Basketball

CAC STANDINGS	W	L
Goucher	8	0
Salisbury St.	7	1
Mary Washington	6	3
Catholic	4	5
York College	3	5
Marymount	3	5
St. Mary's	2	6
Gallaudet	0	8

(Saturday's Box)

MWC 74, York College 62

	FG	FT	Pt	A	Reb
Love	1-5	4-4	6	1	
Burroughs	3-7	6-6	14	3	4
Kiedrow	2-5	1-2	5	0	0
McCarthy	5-12	5-8	16	6	4
Bunch	5-12	2-4	12	2	16
Zenker	7-12	5-6	19	0	5
Stemberger	0-1	0-0	0	2	0
Faccio	1-1	0-0	2	1	0
Langen	0-2	0-0	0	0	4
TOTALS	24-57	23-30	74	19	38

	FG	FT	Pt	A	Reb
Barr	2-6	5	4	3	
Baer	4-11	3-4	14	2	2
Powell	0-5	0-0	0	1	4
Saurbaugh	6-12	2-2	19	5	5
Martins	6-11	4-6	16	0	13
Fortuny	2-5	0-0	5	1	0
Guise	0-2	3-4	3	1	1
TOTALS	20-52	12-16	62	14	32

HALF: York College 33-22. 3PT SHOOTING: MWC 3-11, 27% (McCarthy 1-4, Love 0-2, Burroughs 2-4, Langen 0-1). YORK 10-22, 46% (Saurbaugh 5-7, Baer 3-7, Barr 1-4, Fortuny 1-3, Guise 0-1). FOULED OUT: Powell, York.. TECHNICAL FOULS: None.

Women's Basketball

CAC STANDINGS	W	L
Marymount	8	0
Salisbury St.	6	2
Gallaudet	6	2
York College	4	4
Mary Washington	4	5
St. Mary's	3	5
Catholic	1	8
Goucher	0	8

Swimming

MEN'S	W	L	WOMEN'S	W	L
MWC	6	0	MWC	6	0
Catholic	4	1	Catholic	5	1
Goucher	2	3	St. Mary's	4	2
Marymount	2	3	Goucher	3	3

Upcoming Events

Women's Basketball
Feb. 7 vs. St. Mary's College of MD at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.

Feb. 8 vs. Frostburg St. University at Goolrick Gym, 2 p.m.

Feb. 11 at Christopher Newport U., 7 p.m.

Feb. 13 vs. Gallaudet University at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Feb. 7 vs. St. Mary's College at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.

Feb. 8 vs. Frostburg State at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.

Feb. 11 at Apprentice School

Feb. 13 vs. Gallaudet University at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.

Indoor Track

Feb. 8 at Swarthmore Invitational

Follow the Bouncing (Basket)balls...

Men's Hoops Takes Three Out of Four

By Josh VanDyck
Bullet Assistant Sports Editor

The MWC men's basketball team continued its winning ways this past week, taking three straight games before suffering a tough loss to Catholic University on Tuesday. The Eagles' current 10-6 mark (6-3 CAC) leaves them in third-place in the conference, two games up on fourth-place Catholic.

As they have remained hot, the Eagles have continued to exceed all expectations. Originally picked to finish dead last in the CAC, the team is already the first 10-game winner at Mary Washington since 1986, and will almost certainly be the first MWC men's squad to post a winning season in that same span.

"We're really pleased with the season," said sophomore point guard David Love. "This is a great team to play with—we're unselfish, we play well as a team, and we believe that we can win."

The Eagles three game streak continued that winning, with victories over Marymount (62-45), Apprentice (75-63), and York College (74-62). In their lone loss of the week, 76-65 against Catholic, the Eagles were without Love, the team's floor general, who was sick. The game also came on the road, against a Cardinals team fired to avenge an earlier 89-81 loss to MWC in January.

Dave Love averages over 36 minutes a game, he controls the tempo, and with all the other intangibles he brings—you just can't replace that," MWC coach Rod Wood said of the loss. "And, unfortunately Catholic has a very good team."

On a winning note, the Eagles were particularly impressive against York College on Saturday. The team had particular incentive to win this one, because no MWC team had ever previously won a game at York. At the half, the game looked like another MWC loss, as the Eagles trailed 33-22. But this is a different team from the losing squads of the past.

"They were up because we were playing at their tempo," said sophomore forward George Bunch. "In the second half, we played our game." Added Wood:

"We were horrible offensively in the first half, but we did play good defense. They were shooting phenomenally well, and we were running up and down the court with them. That's just not our style."

In the second half, the Eagles exploded. Keyed by senior Dan Zenker, who poured in 19 points off the bench, Mary Washington outscored York 52-29

to win the game 74-62. In that second half, the Eagles slowed the tempo offensively, worked the ball inside, and generally forced York out of its gameplan. Love, for one, credits Zenker and the bench for the comeback.

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Indoor Track Off And Runnin'

By Jason Schultz
Bullet Staff Writer

The men's and women's track teams took off their warm-ups but remained in what they called a warm-up mode this past weekend at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational Meet. This was the first of six indoor track meets the Eagles will participate in.

The Franklin and Marshall meet was not scored as a team competition. Performances only counted on an individual basis towards qualifying for the March 8 and 9 NCAA indoor championships.

According to coach Stan Soper, the point of this meet was to, "see where we stand and get some work in against some different competition."

Each athlete took something different out of the competition this weekend. According to junior runner and high jumper Derek Amos, it was overall not a good performance and many people were disappointed with their times or marks. Some, however, were able to use this race to train and develop what sophomore distance runner Josh Ginsberg called a "race head" and a "killer instinct."

"This is just training through the indoor season," senior 800 meter runner Matt Paxton said. "Our season is so focused on the CAC's that we will not be as concerned if we do not run well in these early meets."

Paxton, who called his own performance in the 800 horrible, was also quick to insist that some athletes did turn in good performances Saturday.

On the women's side, senior Myra Simpson finished strong in both track and field events. She won the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.3 seconds and was only slightly slowed down when hurdles were placed on the track, finishing second in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 8.8 seconds.

In the field Simpson finished

second in the long jump, leaping 16 feet 3 inches, and then out-hopped the field in the triple jump with a mark of 35 feet 7 inches.

Paxton also ran as part of the 4 by 200 really team. This team finished second in their heat and third overall. The team included freshman Brinley Mongold, freshman Yurisa Mitchell and freshman Kristen Berlini.

Mongold, who also jumped in the triple jump but claimed to be "less than pleased" with her mark, said she offered her a great opportunity.

"I had a lot of jitters at first because I was nervous about running with some of the older girls," she said.

However, after Mongold had a chance to gauge the competition, she could confidently say, "Although the competition is pretty strong, there is no girl out there that's unbeatable."

On the men's side, Mary Washington's almost trademark Achilles heel of sprinting popped up again, while it's trademark dominance of distance running continued.

The Eagles failed to enter a runner in the 55 meter dash at all. They entered runners, but failed to place any man among the top finishers in the 200 or 400 meter dashes. Paxton said that, at the moment, the team had no sprinters at all.

According to Soper, short distance sprinting has always been one of the weaker points for Mary Washington's men's team. Amos pointed out the fact that last season at the conference meet, the Eagles failed to score any points in several events including the 55-meter dash, the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash.

Amos said that this, coupled with a failure to score in the long jump or triple jump contributed to an eight-point Eagles loss to division rivals (and rather nasty rivals according to Amos) Salisbury State.

Paxton cited several freshman

sprinters like Brian Roberts and Derek Coryell who could contribute to the team in a few races, but said the team probably would not score in those events again this year.

Paxton did think the team would win the conference meet anyway, because they can dominate the distance events.

At Franklin and Marshall, senior Nick Plucker ran a 2:00 in the 800, taking fourth. Senior Justin Gerbereaux took fourth in the 1500 with a time of 4:11 which just missed a school record.

Senior Jon Gates, who had just come off a dominating cross country season, won both the 3000 and 5000 meter races, running 8:49 and 15:40 respectively.

"Jon smoked it," said Ginsberg, who finished fifth in his heat of the 3000 with a time of 10:49, said.

All in all many of the athletes were satisfied with what they'd gotten out of the meet.

"We are building up endurance and strength now. There is always the instinct to win but you know you might 'eat it' at this point of the season cause you're not peaking," Ginsburg said.

Soper said that he was fairly pleased overall with what he saw and was glad to, "get some work in." He and the two track teams will get some more work in this Saturday at the Swarthmore Invitational meet.

This will be the first meet scored as a team competition, so the athletes will be running in slightly different positions than the ones they may be used to, according to Paxton. This will be done to help score more points and to get a feel for who will run which race the rest of the season.

According to Ginsburg, even though the Swarthmore meet is regarded as a warm-up meet, since it's a team competition, the gloves will start coming off and the killer instinct will start coming out.

B.S. (Bullet Staff) Sports Polls

NBA Hoops	NCAA Hoops	Hockey	Best to Drink With
1. Chicago (59)	1. Kansas (57)	1. Colorado (66)	1. John Daly
2. Houston (45)	2. Wake Forest (57)	2. Philadelphia (65)	2. Billy Martin
3. LA Lakers (42)	3. Kentucky (44)	3. Pittsburgh (48)	3. Oksanna Biaili
4. Detroit (39)	4. Minnesota (35)	4. Dallas (47)	4. Mickey Mantle
5. Seattle (38)	5. Maryland (34)	5. Florida (46)	5. Juwan Howard
6. Miami (33)	6. Cincinnati (24)	6. Detroit (30)	6. Whitey Ford
7. New York (29)	7. Utah (18)	7. NY Rangers (27)	7. Bob Probert
8. Utah (22)	8. Iowa St. (17)	8. Buffalo (24)	8. Joey Kocer
9. Atlanta (11)	9. New Mexico (15)	9. New Jersey (12)	9. Gheorge Muresan
10. Charlotte (7)	10. MWC (3)	10. St. Louis (10)	10. Brett Favre

This week's contributors to the B.S. Poll were: Brian Schumacher (Editor), Josh VanDyck (Asst. Editor), Eric Gaffen (Asst. Editor), Aaron Isaacson (Staff Writer), Malcolm McKay, Dave Szegda, Steven Stoots, and Bullet Hockey Expert Jenine Zimmers.

The honorable mentions for the top 10 athletes we would like (or would have liked) to go out and have a beer with include:

Sabu, the 1986 NY Mets, Dale Hunter, the 1993 Philadelphia Phillies, and Tim Duncan.

Would you like to be a B.S. pollster? If so, just talk to Josh or Brian on campus (we probably won't bite, or anything), or call the Sports Desk at 654-1133.

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3. Scot Pollard

Not that the Gun would ever wish injury on any athlete, but we were getting real tired of looking at his enormous sideburns every night on ESPN. Shave 'em Scot. For your own good. We wouldn't want some hunter to mistake those 'burns for a small woodland creature. With mink and fox no longer acceptable for fashion, people would pay top dollar for a rug like that. Not to mention the people at Rogaine.

Scot will be the first meet scored as a team competition, so the athletes will be running in slightly different positions than the ones they may be used to, according to Paxton. This will be done to help score more points and to get a feel for who will run which race the rest of the season.

According to Ginsburg, even though the Swarthmore meet is regarded as a warm-up meet, since it's a team competition, the gloves will start coming off and the killer instinct will start coming out.

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October, and this week you assemble an "emergency meeting" to plan a new walkout, or something.

An emergency meeting? What the hell? Are you afraid that a craze of spitting on umps is going to sweep the nation? For Chrissake's, you'd better nap in that bed. Not to condone what Alomar did, but enough is enough. To let this issue drag on in the media is doing the game a great disservice.

The umps are more concerned with grabbing headlines, calling attention to themselves, and angling for more money, than they are with "seeing justice done." They care about "justice" the way a junkie cares about his needle. They'll use it to get what they want and throw it away after it's been used.

5. MLB Umpires

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to get into the paper again this week. Our sources have pointed to Bullet Associate Editor, Rob Thormeyer. Thormeyer was spotted earlier this week putting a down payment on a new Ferrari.

At first we thought we could ignore the pesky reptile, but now it seems to think it's in a position to criticize The Gun.

It's one thing to get a little criticism from someone who is a knowledgeable source on a subject, but the Lizard has overstepped his area of expertise (that being slithering around, trying to avoid being turned into someone's boots).

Going to the Lizard for humor advice would be kind of like going to the Pope to find out how to become better in bed. Or like asking Keanu Reeves how to become a better actor. So that's about enough out of you. Bite your (forked) tongue, ya freak! Consider this your first and only warning -- you remember what happened to you last year, don't you.

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(82 pct.) These two, along with point guard Love, have formed a formidable trio that has become the cornerstone of the Eagles' newfound success.

"David Love, Justin McCarthy, and George Bunch are such a big part of our team," said Wood. "When I have those three guys in there, I always feel like we have a chance to win the game."

Indeed, two of the Eagles last four

losses have come when Bunch or Love was out of the lineup for medical reasons. Now, in the thick of CAC play, MWC is hoping to be fully healthy by the time the conference tourney starts, including the possible return of junior center Erik Burch, out two months with an injury.

On Friday and Saturday, the Eagles their trek to the CAC tournament, hosting back-to-back

games against St. Mary's and Frostburg St. The first game, a CAC conference game, will be extremely important, according to Coach Wood.

"Friday's game is really big," he said. "We need to win, because we're at home, it's a game we should win, and because we've already beaten them on the road (72-52 on Dec. 6). But it's also an easy game to overlook, because of the game on Saturday."

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ENTERTAINMENT

French Art Makes Great Impression

By Caroline Weaver
Bullet Staff Writer

Probably not since French actor Gérard Depardieu made a splash in the hit 80's movie "Green Card" has Fredericksburg seen such a display of gallic talent as is featured in the Mary Washington College Galleries' new art exhibition, "French Impressions: 19th-Century Prints and Drawings." In celebration of its opening, there will be an informal reception at the *Franscise* this evening (Thurs., Feb. 6) from 5-7 at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. The reception is free and open to the public (that includes students).

"French Impressions," originally from the Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, is an eclectic collection of works by such artistic luminaries as Delacroix, Manet, Pissarro and Redon.

Stephen Goddard, the museum's curator of prints and drawings, was the mastermind behind the show's organization.

Delacroix's somber aquatint "A Blacksmith," Manet's expert etching/aquatint "Lola de Valence" (pictured), Pissarro's color lithograph "The Plow" and Redon's captivating lithograph "The Buddha" are works by the exhibition's most popularly-known featured artists. However, these four pieces constitute only a small sample of the show's 50 offerings which range the gamut from pastoral landscapes to urban scenes to scathing social parody.

Forrest McGill, director of the Mary Washington College Galleries, has included

two never-before-exhibited pieces from the galleries' own collection in the exhibition. The works, both by Paul Gavarni, exemplify the kind of satire which was so popular among artists and social critics of 19th-century France. With their clever use of punnery and dialogue, Gavarni's lithographs poke fun at the then-increasingly decadent mores of the prosperous bourgeoisie.

That same clever punnery and dialogue, however, have affected the works' accessibility to 20th-century, non-French-speaking audiences. Even with the help of several students and two professors of French in its translation, Gavarni's text remains somewhat of a conundrum, albeit an amusing one.

In addition to Gavarni's lithographs, there are satirical works by Honoré Daumier such as "A Fashion Shop" which seem to parody Chinese culture. When asked about the potential significance of these subjects, McGill said he believes the works are actually critiques of French, not Chinese, society.

"[In this work, Daumier] ascribed to his Chinese characters behavior which was at that time typically French," McGill said, such as middle-class men's mounting obsession with stylish clothing. "That way, French people could look at the works and see the humor in such behavior, since it was culturally distanced from them."

In effect, audiences would be laughing at their own habits and customs, though they might not have realized it.

Another of Daumier's works,

"Emmmmmminent Painting Jury," mocks the institutionalized conservatism which at one time pervaded France's academic art world and which punished, rather than rewarded, innovation and experimentation. As a result of this reluctance to accept change, such well-known schools of artists as the Impressionists were initially refused entry to France's most prestigious juried exhibition at that time, the Salon des Beaux Arts.

While "French Impressions" contains plenty of parody, it boasts a variety of oeuvres that will appeal to different aesthetic sensibilities.

"Although the exhibition includes a number of what we would today call [satirical] cartoons, there is no real overarching theme," McGill said.

He pointed out that there are other, smaller "subgroups" within the collection featuring such varied subjects as children, dancers, and rural and urban landscapes.

The industrialization of Paris is another subject addressed in the exhibition, by works such as Eugène Delâtre's "Moulin de la Galette; Montmartre is Vanishing" and Théophile Alexandre Steinlen's "Workers Leaving the Factory." Delâtre's etching, finished in 1912 and therefore one of the latest pieces featured in the collection, juxtaposes an old windmill with a new road in the process of being built.

Steinlen's "Workers," however, places its emphasis upon people, not architectural landmarks. The group of workers in

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Above: Manet's "Lola de Valence," 1862



The Lounge Lizard

By Rob Thormeyer and Dave McKim
Bullet Staff Writers

In the spirit of such classic inspirational tomes as "Life's Little Instruction Book" and "The Anarchist's Cookbook," here is an excerpt from our forthcoming predestined best selling book "The Lizard's Guide To Life and Fine Dining." Hey, every other celebrity has a cheap hook, so we thought it natural to join in the fun (and profit!).

LIFE

1. When you threaten the life of the president via U.S. Postal Service, don't leave your return address: You see, this way, they'll never know who sent the life threatening letter! Oh, and don't sign your name, leave your phone number, or

(and take a major note of this one) an 8x10 glossy "glamour shot" of yourself. These rules apply to all foreign services agents as well as secret service members.

2. Don't Drink Sprite up your nose with a straw: Yeah, this one hurts real bad. If you value your life, you'll take our advice.

3. To find the real killers of your loved ones, maybe your ex-wife and her presumed boyfriend, give yourself a break and check the most luxurious places: That's right, if you are trying to find the dastardly killer of your ex-wife (whom you've admittedly beaten to a pulp more than once) and her new fling (who you would've beaten sooner if you knew who he was), point to the dangerous (but tropical) fairways of Pebble Beach. You'll never know who you might find hiding behind the bushes or staked out in the hazardous bunkers! Always be prepared to jump into your trusty golf-mobile cart and make a

9-volt pursuit to catch that villain (make sure those batteries are charged)!

4. The Meaning of Life: Life is sometimes so complicated that we often forget about ourselves. We tend to get lost in the shuffle of other people's "problems" or "needs." What about you? You can't be a smoking gun forever. Its time to find out the real meaning of life, which for 94.5% of the people in the world is reading the Lounge Lizard whenever possible. The other 5.5% are waiting for the new "Columns on Tape" series to hit the market.

ps... New meaning of life coming, summer 2000. Be prepared.

Fine Dining

1. Cheese Fries, please: A simple request, we know, but its one that can make your fine dining experience that much finer. A lousy dab of cheese than that plain "french-fried potato" into a spud from heaven's oven. Just try it, you won't regret it. (Legal Disclaimer: Any attempt at re-creating the fries mentioned above can and will result in a copywrite violation in which the offender will be severely punished via amputation.)

2. When dining at a fine restaurant: If the waiter doesn't get your order right on the third time, it is permissible to beat him with the spoon (or ladle) several times. Also, the waiter must thank you for the beating for if he does not, there's hell to pay: no tip.

3. Fun Food Fact of the Day: In some see LIZARD, page 9

horoscopes

By Sarah Ardestani
Bullet Astrologer

force to get you through these hard times. **Advice:** Say what you mean, or say nothing at all. **Love:** No need to recapture what you once had, let it go and you shall find something even better.

ARIES Mar. 21 to Apr. 20: Strike a pose and do a dance, because it's time to celebrate. Jupiter is leaving you, giving you the freedom to make spontaneous decisions. Take advantage of this and attempt to do something outrageous that you've never had the courage to do before. **Advice:** Make the most out of your time, for once it's gone, it's gone forever. **Love:** Things can get real hot in the kitchen, make a romantic dinner for you and your love.

Taurus Apr. 21 to May 21: Take a little trip. Relax and free your mind so that you can set your creative juices flowing again. You need this well-deserved break because Mars is closing in on you, forcing you to work harder than usual. **Advice:** Try to substitute anger with understanding. **Love:** Take your mate and your beverage of choice and go watch the sunrise.

GEMINI May 22 to Jun. 21: The jive you have flowing around you is absolutely wonderful. The goddess of love and beauty can be thanked for this. Venus is keeping a close eye on you, giving you the inspiration to achieve anything that you set out to.

Advice: Allow yourself to see with your heart. **Love:** You got it going on, work it out now.

CANCER Jun. 22 to Jul. 21: All you need is love right now, especially since family matters have been a bit unsettling. Lucky for you, Venus is in your house. Make use of the strength within love and let it be the driving

force to get you through these hard times.

LEO Jul. 22 to Aug. 22: Yes, you have been having a blast doing absolutely nothing, but the real work you need to do is about to begin. It won't be as difficult as you might think since Mars will be there for you to lean on for support. Give it your best! **Advice:** Make your decisions based on principles. **Love:** Dance to your favorite song with your love.

VIRGO Aug. 23 to Sept. 23: You have the power to make anything happen, after all you are a Virgo. With Mars entering your house, make use of your enforced strength in order to make your deep-rooted wishes a reality. Urgency is strongly recommended.

Advice: Being a Virgo, you should make sure that you maintain an open-line of communication with those around you. **Love:** Spend a night under the stars with your love.

LIBRA Sept. 24 to Oct. 23: All mixed up and don't know what to do? Don't worry, Jupiter's coming to help you out. Bringing you the organizational skills you need, Jupiter will help you deal with those certain changes which have disrupted the rhythm of your life.

Advice: Be led by your heart. **Love:** Be sure to put into your relationship what you want to get out of it.

SCORPIO Oct. 24 to Nov. 23: Your

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WMWC Top Ten List

Place Album Artist

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|----|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | "New Adventures in Hi Fi" | REM |
| 2 | "Nine Objects of Desire" | Suzanne Vega |
| 3 | "White Light White Heat" | Social Distortion |
| 4 | "First Band on the Moon" | The Cardigans |
| 5 | "Odelay!" | Beck |
| 6 | "Anti-Christ Superstar" | Marilyn Manson |
| 7 | "Among My Swan" | Mazzy Star |
| 8 | "Fever In, Fever Out" | Luscious Jackson |
| 9 | "Razorblade Suitcase" | Bush |
| 10 | "Fountains of Wayne" | Fountains of Wayne |

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and is determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bullet at x1133 or WMWC at x1152.

Local Music Scene

George Street Grill
Saturday, Tripping on Rats

Sante Fe Grill
Friday, The Footlongs
Saturday, Will Gravitt

Irish Brigade

Friday, Carbon Leaf
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PISCES Feb. 20 to Mar. 20: Even though you may have been feeling a lack of control over the events of your life lately, know that it's all good regardless. This lack of control merely indicates that you are living life and that there are so many wonderful things left for you to learn. **Advice:** Focus on all of the good around you and ignore the bad. **Lover:** Things have become a little routine, go out of your way to spice them up.

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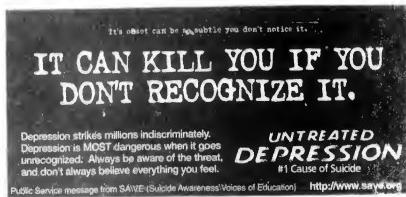
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Steve Hampton is the associate professor of psychology.

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Until we create an environment in

which sexual protection is not embarrassing, providing high-quality condoms form a 24-hour, public, and neutral source is one way to increase condom usage. Condom availability is not an issue of convenience. It is

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Sarah Leedom is a junior at MWC and Judith Parker is the assistant professor of English and linguistics.

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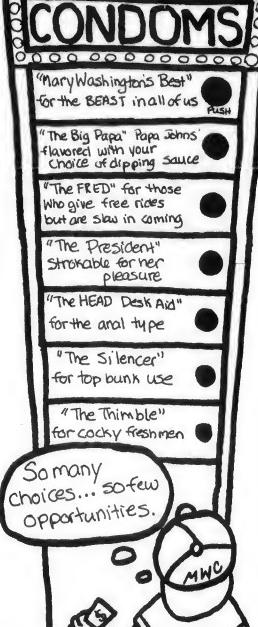
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embarrassed about broaching the subject, just seductively whisper in your partner's ear, "you may already have won."

Several years ago, a young woman came to my office to talk about her project for my Cognitive Psychology class. In the course of our talk, I noticed something in black ink on her wrist. My curiosity finally got the better of me and I casually asked if she had a new tattoo. She turned up her wrist so I could see. Written in black ink on her wrist was the word "condoms."

She explained that she was going to the grocery store and she didn't want to forget to buy condoms. My response was a three-parter; Good for you, Good for you, Good for you!

Isn't it time we admit that the great American experiment with sexual ignorance and shame has been a dismal failure? We have the highest rate of HIV infection and unplanned pregnancy in the western world. You should be as comfortable buying condoms in the grocery store as you are buying cookies and ice cream. In fact, you should be proud to be taking

responsibility for your sexual health and the sexual health of those you care the most about.

Good sex should make you feel good about yourself and good about your partner, and being responsible is an indispensable part of feeling good about sex. Until we start to think more intelligently and positively about our sexuality, changing the location of the condom outlet is not going to have much effect.

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opportunity to provided the tools for protecting the college's sexually active community, but practicing safer sex ultimately remains the responsibility of the individuals.

Until we create an environment in

which sexual protection is not embarrassing, providing high-quality condoms form a 24-hour, public, and neutral source is one way to increase condom usage. Condom availability is not an issue of convenience. It is

an issue of safety and life-preservation.

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virtues. These women are portrayed as looking away or in profile, and one is blindfolded. Lastly, there is one painting of a woman with wings. I assume she represents an angel, and with close examination of this piece, I could see the phrase "fuck your God" scratched into the painting.

Images affect people immensely. That's why advertising is such a big business. Images surround us, and are an important aspect of this modern visual culture. However, there are situations where people are

forced to ingest imagery which is offensive to them—images that represent them in a negative way, or exclude them altogether. After a period of time, this abuse becomes part of a systematic oppression; it is also called the patriarchy.

The images do not represent the histories of many people on this campus, and they are certainly not representative of this college's history; where is a portrait of Mary Washington? Are there any murals depicting the lives and times of the

women who first came here when this school was women-only? And I absolutely cannot believe that Monroe Hall is part of the tour given to prospective students of color. Maintaining the murals is a decisive effort to support the systematic oppression of women and people of color; an ironic and embarrassing message to send when this school is predominately composed of women.

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Apocalypse. Look out. My money's on the fact that "SWAVE" probably isn't, unless greasy and horny is sueve.

I do admit, however, to seeing a couple of these plates that I liked. One was a handicapped license plate

that read "GIMP." It's nice to see people with a genuine sense of humor. The other was "M AIR J." Guess whose Lamborghini that was on. It's pretty hard to argue with Lamborghini plates, I suppose.

People, we must unite and end this idiocy. Random, prison-stamped plates are so much more classy.

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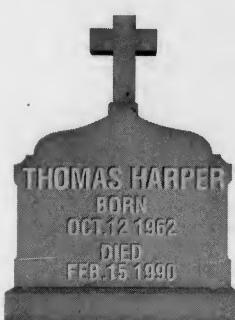
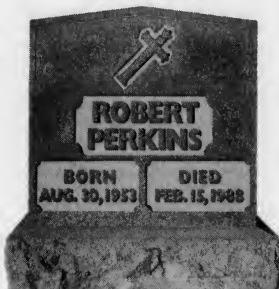
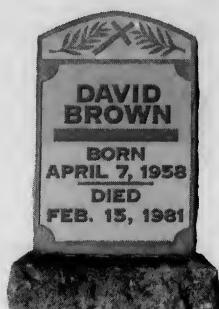
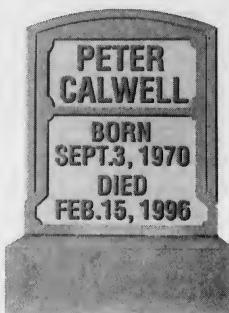
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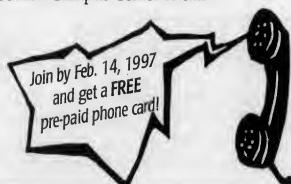
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